



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5294
Rick Hill for Congress Committee and
Gary F. Demaree, as treasurer

Dear Ms. Laham:

On October 15, 2001, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission closed the file as it pertained to your clients, the Rick Hill for Congress Committee and Gary F. Demaree, as treasurer ("the Hill Committee"). On August 27, 2002, the Commission severed the portion of MURs 4568, 4633, 4634 and 4736 concerning the Hill Committee and placed it into a new matter, designated MUR 5294. On the same date, the Commission closed MUR 5294. Accordingly, the confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public.

Because of restrictions recently placed on the Commission with respect to its making public investigative files in closed enforcement matters, the public record in this matter will consist of the relevant sections of the dispositive General Counsel's Reports, relevant sections of the Certifications of the Commission's votes, Conciliation Agreements and Statements of Reasons. See American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations v. FEC, 177 F. Supp.2d 48 (D.D.C. 2001), appeal docketed, No. 02-5069 (D.C. Cir. Feb. 28, 2002). Copies of the General Counsel's Reports and the Certifications of the Commission's votes as described above and a Statement of Reasons are enclosed. Any forthcoming Statements of Reasons will be provided under a separate cover.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Abely" followed by a stylized flourish.

Marianne Abely
Attorney

Enclosures:

As stated.

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